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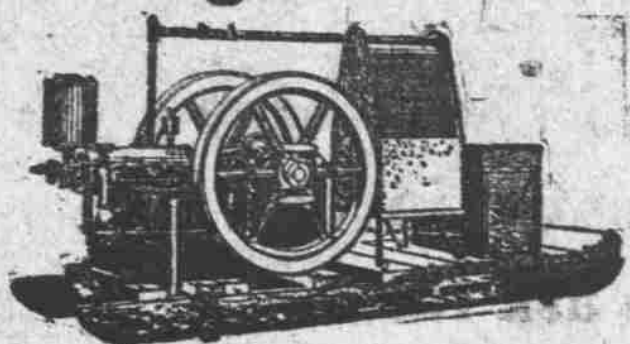
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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS:

As previously announced the French Broad Hustler and the Western Carolina Democrat will appear in consolidated form on and after January 1, 1918. A special effort will be made to produce the most interesting weekly newspaper ever issued in this section of North Carolina. We have the facilities and are not wanting in determination. But it will be necessary to have the continued co-operation of the people financially and otherwise. No newspaper can be successfully conducted on premises, and the management has reached the conclusion that a strictly cash-in-advance system is the only safe basis upon which any newspaper can be conducted with a reasonable degree of success.

The time basis is unsatisfactory both to the paper and the subscriber, and this paper will abandon the practice on the first of January. The need for sending out statements will then be eliminated and there will be no cause for differences between the paper and its subscribers. A capable, painstaking circulation manager will be placed in charge of the mailing list and every effort made to prevent new mistakes and to correct old ones. In a word, the paper is fully resolved to give every subscriber the worth of his money. A card will be sent to every subscriber notifying him of the date when his subscription expires, and unless a response is received by the date of expiration, the paper will be discontinued without further notice.

Subscription rates under the new arrangement will be, Cash: One year, \$1.00; six months, 60 cents; three months 35 cents. By special arrangement the paper may be obtained on time basis at the rate of \$1.50 per year, but in no case will it be continued to any address for a longer period than six months without a partial payment. The paper will not be mailed to anyone who has not requested it, unless ordered by some friend, and requests to discontinue at the expiration of paid subscriptions will not be necessary. The book-keeper will attend to that matter and those who do not care for the paper shall certainly not have it forced upon them.

We hope no one will mistake the spirit of this statement. The paper would greatly enjoy the assistance and good wishes of every reader whose name now appears on the mailing list and the proposed change need, in no wise affect the pleasant relations between them and the Hustler or Democrat. There need be no estrangement between the paper and those subscribers who are willing to pay for what they receive. Publishing a newspaper is no easy task from any viewpoint. It costs a mint of money and those who participate in the dance must help pay the fiddler. "Forward on head," then "swing your partners and promenade all." Now is the time to subscribe.

EXTRACTS STATE LABOR BUREAU

Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. L. Shipman Gives Out Interesting Statistics Concerning the State's Industries.

The Raleigh News and Observer publishes the following information taken from the forthcoming report of the Department of Labor and Printing, over which Editor M. L. Shipman, of Hendersonville presides:

Newspapers of the State. The list shows eight morning dailies with a circulation of 60,832 and 21 evening dailies with a circulation of 56,011. The other figures being: Weeklies, 176, circulation, 543,190; semi-weeklies, 24, circulation, 54,802; monthlies, 50, circulation, 214,330; semi-monthlies, 11, circulation, 277,450; quarterlies, 9, circulation, 8,525; annuals, 3, circulation, 115,000; circulation not given: evening daily, 2; weekly, 6; semi-weekly, 3; monthly, 2; annually, 1; quarterly, 1.

As to politics, denominations, and purposes, the divisions are:

Democratic, 129; Independent-Democratic, 18; Republican, 17; Independent, 25; Baptist, 6; Methodist, 5; Christian, 2; Protestant Episcopal, 1; Presbyterian, 6; Primitive Baptist, 1; Free-will Baptist, 2; Religious, 6; Fraternal, 2; Textile, 1; W. C. T. U., 1; Poultry, 1; Trade, 2; Trade and Industrial, 1; Streets and Highways, 1; Masonic and Family, 1; Progressive, 1; Educational and Religious, 1; Democratic and Agricultural, 1; Home, 1; Educational, 13; Literary, 17; Medical, 1; Agricultural, 6; Athletic, 1; Almanac, 2; Lutheran, 4; Pythian, 1; A. M. E. Zion, 2; Local, 15; Public Health, 2; Friends, 1; Historical, 1; Directory, 1; Episcopal, 1.

Knitting Mills.

Fifty-six knitting mills are reported for 1912, and forty-one show a capital stock of \$3,876,860. The approximate amount of raw material used by thirty-five mills is 13,149,423 pounds. The estimated value of yearly output by forty mills is \$6,082,360. The number of spindles in use in these mills is given as 49,450; knitting machines, 7,188; sewing machines, 595; looper, 27; ribbers, 25; cards, 205; making use of 49,440 horse-power. Nine do not report horse-power.

Twenty-eight mills use steam for power; fourteen use electricity; four gasoline; two, electric and steam; one, water; one, electric and gas; one, steam and water; one, kerosene; four do not give power used.

Number of employees reported is 6,858; 2,243 males; 3,774 females and 771 children; two mills, employing 70, do not classify employees. 15,109 persons are dependent on the operation of these mills for a livelihood.

Wages are as follows: High average, males, \$2.59; low average, males, 89 cents; high average, females, \$1.68; low average, females, 65 cents.

Employees of twenty-two mills are paid weekly; twenty-six mills semi-monthly; three, monthly; five mills do not report. The average number of hours worked per day, ten hours and five minutes.

Furniture Factories.

The number of factories reporting this year is 91. Eighty-eight factories report a capital stock of \$3,283,246. Three do not report capital stock. Eighty-four factories report the use of 9,974 horse-power; seven do not report horse-power.

The number of employees reported is 6,383. Of these 5,197 are males, nine women, 221 children, and 966 unclassified. The highest average daily wage is \$2.64; lowest average wage, 91 cents. Eighty-nine and five-tenths per cent read and write. Twenty-four factories pay wages weekly; sixty-six, semi-monthly, and one does not report. Sixty-five factories report increase in wages; twenty-two no change, two decreased, and two do not report. The average number of hours worked per day is ten hours. Seventy-eight factories use steam for power; three, electric; three, hand; two, steam and electric; one, steam and water; one, gasoline; three do not give motive power. The estimated value of plants by seventy-three factories, \$2,404,769. Estimated value of yearly output by eighty-three factories, \$11,232,000. Estimated yearly payroll by seventy-six factories, \$1,618,150.

Forty-five per cent report improvement in financial condition; twenty-seven and five-tenths per cent no change; twenty-seven and five-tenths per cent do not report. Fifty and five-tenths per cent report improvement in general proficiency; nineteen per cent no change; thirty and five-tenths per cent do not report.

New Year's Prayer for Women

By TEMPLE BAILEY

I want that we may look forward and not back. Give to us memories only good of the past year and let the evil die.

In days of darkness and despair may we not cry out, but face the world bravely.

Link to our ideals of womanly sweetness and truth the strength which shall make them real.

Show us how we may be kind to other women, to those who have failed and fallen grant us the special grace of sympathy.

May we judge men not by trivial standards, but by the broader vision which shall give just due to their untiring efforts, their courage, their silent acceptance of the hard facts of life.

Help us to mother all little, lonely children.

If any we love have hurt us, let us love them still.

Give to us some work to which we may go gladly in the morning, and from which we may rest when the shadows of the evening fall.

And then, O Lord of All the World, and of All New Years, when Thou hast given to us these things which shall put us right with ourselves and with our fellowmen, grant to each of us, we beseech Thee, one moment of vivid ecstasy, our little share of human happiness, and, in the end, a quiet heart. Amen.

My Personal Creed.

Lord, show me my sins, Lord make me sorry for my sins, Lord deliver me from my sins. Amen.

I wish to be simple, honest, natural, frank, clean in mind, and clean in body. I wish to live without hate, jealousy, fear, malice and envy. I pray God to show me mercy and love, and I will try to judge my fellowmen by the same standard. I wish others to live their lives to the highest, fullest and best, and to that end I will endeavor not to meddle, dictate, interfere, give advice that is not wanted, nor assist when my services are not needed. I will stand by my friends in danger, trouble and disgrace, not to uphold them in the latter, but to help them if possible. If I can uplift or inspire let it be by example, influence and suggestion. May I faithfully keep the Golden Rule, and do as I would be done by, loving my neighbor as myself. Amen and Amen.

L. R. B.

AS GOOD AS NEW



Old Year—Hello. What is that package you are carrying?

New Year—It contains the good resolutions that signalize my coming.

Old Year (exhibiting a similar package)—Huh! If you'd let me know I'd have lent you these. They're the ones I brought with me when I came, and nobody would keep them.

When in doubt I will believe the best of the other person. This is more easily corrected than the irreparable injury of misapplied censure and suspicion.

A. L. Maxwell Purchases Farm in South Carolina.

A. L. Maxwell, of Horse Shoe, left this week for Welford, S. C., where he will make his home, having purchased a forty-two-acre farm at that place.

In connection with the farm work Mr. Maxwell will conduct a store of general merchandise.

Mr. Maxwell has rented his Horse Shoe farm to T. J. Brackett.

Mr. Maxwell is an old resident of Henderson county and will be missed by a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hallock and Miss Miller of Detroit, were guests at the St. John a number of days recently on their way South. The party were greatly pleased with Hendersonville and Mr. Hallock stated that they would have made arrangements for a longer stay.

Announcement

I have decided to discontinue the mercantile business on Main street opposite Court House. Everything will be marked in plain figures at COST. And sale will continue until everything is SOLD. If you want to engage in the mercantile business, you can get a bargain.

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